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1 November 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: 1 November Space Strategy Response

1. On 4 October 1983, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs requested, by 1 November 1983, additional information in support of the development of a National Space Strategy. The proposed response and cover memorandum (Attachment A) have been jointly developed by the Intelligence Community Staff and the NRO Staff with the assistance of the Intelligence Community National Space Strategy Interagency Working Group (NSS/IWG). The response has been based on existing approved documents and emphasizes current and long-range DCI functional priorities for space. [REDACTED] 25X1

2. A final draft of this response was provided to Intelligence Community principals for comment, and all gave general concurrence. Specific comments were also received; most of these were editorial comments and have been accommodated. The Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence provided some general comments regarding space system robustness and survivability (see Attachment B). Other concurrences were provided by telephone but, due to the tight schedule, the followup memos of concurrence have not yet been received. [REDACTED] 25X1


3. The proposed response of the Secretary of Defense is quite different from ours since its almost exclusive focus is on the related studies as this is the only new information DoD has to offer over the May reports sent to Judge Clark. This response and the proposed cover memorandum are enclosed for your information. The JCS response on the Unified Space Command is not yet available. Note that NWMP is addressed in the SecDef memorandum and in its attachment. The DoD discussion is inconsistent with our attached response as it does not state or imply that the enhancements recommended in the Master Plan for intelligence space systems involve programs within the NFIP. The DoD

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response also does not state or imply that the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense will jointly address how to substantially improve the capability and endurance of our intelligence systems. We recommend that you read the cover memorandum and skim through the response. 

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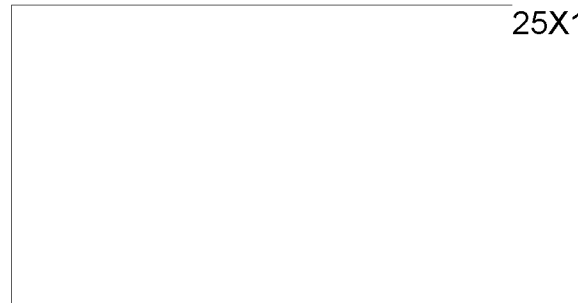
4. We recommend your signature on the cover memorandum forwarding our response. 

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